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SUBJECT: FY-1975 INTERVISITOR SAR

1. MR. SAR'S IV VISIT WAS APPARENTLY QUITE SUCCESSFUL AND PROFESSIONALLY REWARDING. THE HIGH POINT WAS A VISIT TO PUERTO RICO SPONSORED BY MR. A.C. ROACH OF TII ENGINEERING SERVICES, A FIRM WHICH DOES BUSINESS IN SENEGAL. MR. HARRY L. FRIDMAN, BUSINESS EDITOR OF THE "SAN JUAN STAR," INTERVIEWED MR. SAR AND ARRANGED CONTACTS WITH THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES, AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

2. MR. SAR EXPERIENCED IMMIGRATION DIFFICULTIES IN NEW YORK. HIS DSP-66 WAS APPARENTLY ISSUED WITHOUT DATES, AND INTERVENTION OF NEW YORK RECEPTION CENTER WAS NECESSARY.

3. MRS.SAR ALSO HAD DIFFICULTIES AT NEW YORK IMMIGRATION BECAUSE SHE DID NOT RPT NOT HAVE 6-MONTHS LEFT BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE ON HER PASSPORT. SHE STATED THAT SHE WAS NOT RPT NOT INFORMED OF THIS REQUIREMENT. THE SAR'S WERE ISSUED A "NASTY FORM LETTER" WARNING THEM TO APPEAR BEFORE IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON, D.C. ALTHOUGH THE

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PROBLEMS WERE RESOLVED, THE SITUATION CAUSED CONSIDERABLE EMBARRASSMENT.

4. SOMEWHERE DURING TRIP, MR. SAR HAD SEVERAL HUNDRED DOLLARS OF FOREIGN CURRENCY TAKEN FROM HIS ATTACHE CASE. SAR WAS NOT RPT NOT HAPPY, BUT HE ACCEPTED RESPONSIBILITY FOR INCIDENT (HAVING BEEN WARNED ABOUT CARRYING CURRENCY) AND DID NOT WISH TO MAKE A FORMAL COMPLAINT.

5. DESPITE INCIDENTS DESCRIBED HERE, ESCORT ASSURES TRIP WAS, ON THE WHOLE, A POSITIVE ONE.

6. FULL REPORT FOLLOWS. KISSINGER

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